

JAPS SEVER ROAD
TO VLADIVOSTOKFortress Isolated Says
Tokio Correspondent of
London Paper.GREAT BATTLE NOW
HOURLY EXPECTEDLinevitch Preparing to Meet Ad-
vance of Oyama—No Definite
News of Fleets—Togo Still
Southeast of Korea.
Appointment of
Birilliff.(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, May 24.—The Tokyo cor-
respondent of the Daily Telegraph
cables that the railroad to Vladivostok
has been severed, as the result of
which the fortress is isolated.
The Shanghai correspondent of the
Morning Post says he learns from a
trustworthy source that Vice-Admiral
Togo's fleet is still off Masampo, on
the southeastern coast of Korea.(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—The news
from the front continues to point to the
imminence of a renewal of fighting on a
large scale. General Linevitch is press-
ing the Japanese center, both on the
life of the fortress and on the Man-
darin road, but whether he is simply feel-
ing out Field Marshal Oyama's strength
or has assumed a genuine offensive, is
not yet clear. There is no doubt, how-
ever, that Linevitch has made complete
preparation for a big battle. All the
Russian sick and wounded, who were at
Mandarin, and placed south of there, have
been transported westward to Irkutsk and
orders have been given to clear the in-
tervening hospitals. The sanitary trains
have also been ordered to the front.No News From Fleets.
The Associated Press was informed at
the admiralty to-day that no direct ad-
vices have been received from Vice-Ad-
miral Hoshino for ten days, when, it is
believed, he set out on his long voy-
age. The report of Hoshino's death
was ridiculed at the admiralty.The sending of Vice-Admiral Birilliff
to Vladivostok is now explained, it is a
natural precautionary measure for the pur-
pose of having an energetic commander at
Vladivostok. The latter is killed or dis-
abled during the coming sea fight, no doubt
being entertained that if the fleets come
together, Admiral Togo's vessels will con-
centrate their fire on the Russian flag-
ship. Should Hoshino come out, the
fight will be a desperate one, and the
health of the Russian fleet is con-
sidered a foregone conclusion that he
will be rewarded by appointment to
the supreme command.Nemirovich Danchenko, the well known
Russian newspaper correspondent, has
written a spirited defense of the Russian
soldiers against the reproach of drunken-
ness, comparing his observations in the
Russo-Turkish war and in the present
conflict to show the increased sobriety
of the Russian troops.A semi-official announcement was is-
sued to-night that "Vice-Admiral Birilliff
has been appointed commander of the Pacific
fleet with authority as commander
of an independent force."

SLAYER OF SERGIUS HANGED.

It was semi-officially announced to-day
that Ivan Kalfef, who murdered the
Grand Duke Sergius at Moscow, February
17th, was hanged at 3 o'clock to-mor-
row.DROWNED HERSELF
AND HER CHILDRENWoman Commits Suicide Along
With Boy and Two Lit-
tle Girls.(By Associated Press.)
DALLAS, TEX., May 23.—A special to
the News from Sulphur Springs, Tex.,
says:
Mrs. Tip Sanders drowned herself and
three children in a creek near her home
two miles south of town to-day. The
oldest child was a boy six years of age.
The other children were girls, aged three,
four and ten months, respectively. The
tragedy, it is said, was the result of do-
mestic troubles. Sanders, the husband, left
home this morning to work on the public
road. Returning home for dinner, he
found a note on the table from Mrs. San-
ders, telling him that he would find the
bodies of his wife and children in the creek.TORNADO SWEEPS
GEORGIA COUNTY(By Associated Press.)
REIDSVILLE, GA., May 23.—The most
destructive tornado that has swept Tat-
tall county for years occurred this af-
ternoon, lasting ten minutes. During this
brief period, a section between Reidsville
and Collins was practically cleared of all
crops and only the strongest trees re-
mained standing. Houses were leveled, but
so far as is known only one life was lost.
At Collins, a family of five were at-
tacked by lightning. They were stunned, but
were revived. Their house was destroyed.
So heavy was the accompanying hail
that the stones lay on the ground to a
depth of twelve inches.

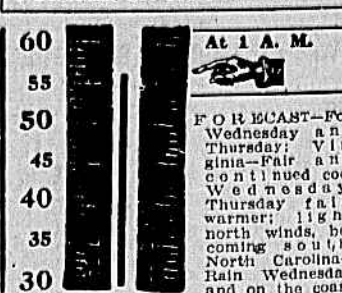
Firemen Injured.

TAMPA, FLA., May 23.—Five firemen,
one of whom will probably die, were in-
jured in a fire which destroyed two
buildings here to-day, entailing a prop-
erty loss of \$40,000, with only \$5,000 in-
surance. The fire was caused by the
explosion of a gasoline lamp. W. D.
Kirk, a fireman, was caught near a
falling wall and so badly crushed that
he is not expected to recover.

Girls Killed by Lightning.

(By Associated Press.)
HARTFORD, CONN., May 23.—Lightning
struck three girls at five o'clock, killing
two of them instantly. There is very lit-
tle chance for the recovery of the third.

POINTER ON THE WEATHER

FORCAST—For
Wednesday and
Thursday: Vir-
ginia—Fair, and
continued cool
Wednesday;
Thursday fair,
warmer; 15 to 20
north winds, be-
coming south.
North Carolina
rain Wednesday
and on the coast
Thursday; fresh northeast to east winds.
Thursdays: fresh northeast to east winds.
CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.
Richmond's weather yesterday was par-
tly cloudy and cool. Range of the Thermo-
meter:
6 A. M. 51 6 P. M. 70
12 M. 60 9 P. M. 63
3 P. M. 72 12 midnight 60
Average 63 2-5
Highest temperature yesterday 72
Lowest temperature yesterday 51
Mean temperature yesterday 65
Normal temperature for May 67
Departure from normal temperature 2
Precipitation during past 24 hours .00MINIATURE ALMANAC,
May 24, 1905.
Sun rises 4:56 HIGH TIDE
Sun sets 8:57 Morning 8:57
Moon rises 12:00 Evening 8:50MORE SCHOOL
OFFICERS NAMEDFive Incumbents and
One New Super-
intendent.MANY VISITORS
HERE ON SUBJECTSchool Register Investigation
Goes on at Mr. Eggleston's
Request Until Noon To-day.Two Witnesses—Com-
mittee to Revise the
School Laws.The State Board of Education last night
elected six division school superintendents
from the contested list and at midnight
adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock this morn-
ing when the work will be continued.
Of the six officers chosen, five are in-
cumbents. The only new man is Mr.
James W. Lane, of Charlottesville. Mr.
John S. Patton, the incumbent, was con-
sidered ineligible because he holds the
position of librarian to the University of
Virginia. An arrangement was made,
however, by which Mr. Patton will be
associated with Mr. Lane in the manage-
ment of the schools.
The incumbents re-elected are as fol-
lows:
Alexandria City—Colonel K. Kemper.
Augusta—E. O. Peale.
Bedford—W. R. Abot, Jr.
Bland—D. H. Munsey.
Buchanan—Thompson Belcher.The matter of the School Register in-
vestigation was at the suggestion of Mr.
Joseph D. Eggleston, Jr., postponed un-
til noon to-day.
Mr. Eggleston was present, accompanied
by his attorney, Hon. S. B. Patterson,
Messrs. L. H. Jenkins and Walter Hill, of
the J. L. Hill Printing Company, will be
requested to be present to-day as wit-
nesses.Mr. Ben. P. Owen, Jr., will take the
proceedings down in shorthand. All the
members were present when the Board
met last night at 8:30 o'clock and the old
Marshall House was crowded with can-
didates for division superintendents and
other friends from the twenty districts
contested. These gentlemen interviewed
the members as they came in and many
of them waited until a late hour in an
effort to hear some news.After the Board had postponed the
school register matter it was decided to
appoint a committee to revise the school
laws so far as they relate to the duties
of division superintendents, which com-
mittee is to report before the present
sessions of the Board adjourns.The Board made slow progress last
night, and the work will require several
more days before it is completed. Each
member came in with heavy bundles
of papers relating to the contested dis-
tricts and these papers required ex-
amination and discussion.
Some of the additional contested dis-
tricts will be disposed of before the in-
vestigation is reached at noon to-day.
It is calculated that two hours will be
sufficient time in which to dispose of the
later, and then other sessions will be
held during the afternoon and evening.CHICAGO STRIKE HAS
BROKEN FORTH AFRESHSheriff Preparing to Call Out
Troops at First Sign of
Outbreak.CHICAGO, May 23.—All prospects of
peace in the teamsters' strike have dis-
appeared, and it will be open war from
this time on. The last conference look-
ing toward a peaceable adjustment was
held to-night between James B. Barry,
business agent for the express drivers' union,
and the local managers of the seven
express companies. The conversation
was brief and pointed.The possibilities for increased rioting
are vastly enlarged by the spread of the
strike to the lumber district. It is a
district noted for the fierce mobs which
have marched through it during former
strikes, and is the place which has in-
variably caused more trouble than any
other part of the city.
Sheriff Barrett said to-night: "At the
first outbreak of trouble which in any
way approaches the rioting we have had,
I shall call for troops, and the troops
will be on the ground within less than
two hours."

THE BINSWANGER FIRE AT ITS HEIGHT.

TRUST COMPANY
DRIVEN TO WALLNew York Concern Had Portion
of Funds Invested in Rich-
mond Property.

DEPOSITORS TO LOSE NOTHING

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 23.—The Merchants'
Trust Company, of this city, was closed
to-day by order of the State Superinten-
dent of Banks, because it had made loans
amounting to \$1,200,000, upon which it
had not been able to realize a sufficient
sum to pay depositors and save the
capital of the company from impairment.
Upon the application of the State At-
torney-General, Douglas Robinson, a brother-
in-law of President Roosevelt, was ap-
pointed one of the receivers of the com-
pany. The other receiver is the New York
Trust Company.The company's loans, which had no
ready market value, were about \$500,000
on securities of the Hudson Valley Rail-
way Company, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,
which is a consolidation of trolley lines
in the vicinity of Albany, Troy, Saratoga
and Lake George, and nearly \$400,000 to
the Rutland, Vt. Street Railway Com-
pany, and the Chittenden Development
Company, of Rutland. The company
owes depositors about \$2,500,000, and ac-
cording to the State bank examiner, has
available assets, other than in the Hud-
son Valley Railway Company and the
Rutland companies of nearly \$1,300,000,
so that it will be necessary to realize
\$600,000 to pay depositors. The stock
holders are liable to the extent of \$500,000.
With that amount, the State bank exam-
iners said to-day that a sufficient sum
should certainly be realized to pay de-
positors in full.

Caused No Excitement.

The announcement that the trust com-
pany was closed followed a meeting of
the board of directors. There was a line
of clerks of business firms waiting to
draw out deposits when the State bank
examiner notified them that no further
business would be transacted. No excite-
ment ensued, and those who sought ad-
mittance later went quietly away when
they were informed that the banking
offices were closed. Assistant State Bank
Examiner Judson said to-day:"In round figures there was on deposit
in the main bank of the company about
\$1,300,000, confined almost entirely to busi-
ness deposits."

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MACHEN GOES BACK
TO THE PENITENTIARYPleaded Guilty and Was Sen-
tenced to Another Term
of Two Years.(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 23.—August W.
Machen, the former general superintendent
of the free delivery service of the
Postoffice Department, was taken back
to the Moundsville (W. Va.) penitentiary
to-night after being sentenced to-day to
another term of two years following his
plea of guilty under his joint indictment
with W. G. Crawford, of this city, and
George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, O., for con-
spiracy to defraud the government. Machen
will not be prosecuted on any of the
remaining eleven indictments. Including
his present two-year term, and sentence
to-day and making allowances for com-
mutation for good behavior, he has two
years and eight months yet to serve in
the penitentiary in punishment for the
postal irregularities, which brought about
his removal as a public official and con-
viction in the Criminal Court here. Fol-
lowing the imposition of his sentence, a
jury was secured for the trial of Craw-
ford.FIRST TEST OF
ANDERSON LAWStaunton People Face and Solve
Problem of An-
nexation.

COUNTY AND CITY PROTECTED

Staunton is apparently the first city to
test the Anderson law, and as a result
of the trial before Judge E. W. Saunders,
the boundary of Staunton has been lib-
erally extended under the provisions of this
law. Apparently some of the people in
the neighborhood of Staunton were anx-
ious to continue to enjoy the immunities
of county taxation and at least one hun-
dred and fifty persons were made par-
ties to the suit. After an argument, cov-
ering a day and a half, a conference
was held between the counsel for the
city and those for the county and terms
were agreed upon which satisfied all par-
ties concerned. The principal concessions
are that the school children of the an-
nexed territory shall have equal facili-
ties with those of the old city, beginning
at the next session. A specified num-
ber of lights were agreed on for the
new territory, their location to be de-
termined by the City Council and it was
further provided as one of the terms of
annexation that the city water mains
are to be extended into the new terri-
tory beginning not later than two years
from the date of annexation, which ex-
tension is to be completed within eight
years.

When Tax Is Not Raised.

The court dealt with the question of un-
improved property by deciding that the
tax rate upon any unimproved tract of
land within the annexed territory at pre-
sent used exclusively for grazing or agri-
cultural purposes, and not now divided
into lots and unbroken areas of not less
than three acres, shall not be increased
beyond the present county rate so long
as such tract continues to be used for
agricultural or grazing purposes. By un-
improved tract within the meaning of
this clause is meant a tract which is now
used exclusively for agricultural or graz-
ing purposes, and upon which there is at
present no dwelling or business house.The result of the testimony and trial
seems to have been eminently satisfactory,
as the papers of Staunton speak with
great enthusiasm of the harmonious ef-
fort that will now be made by all par-
ties for the best interest of the city. A
part of the testimony given in this case
is much like that in Richmond.

Much Like Richmond.

One of the Staunton real estate men
said that while real estate values had
increased very much in the last few years
there were few desirable lots for homes
or manufactures in the city and much
more testimony to the same effect was
given. As might have been expected,
there was a striking similarity between
Staunton and Richmond in that both
municipalities were really trying a case with
the county in which they were located as
parties defendant. Apparently the coun-
ty of Augusta was anxious not to lose
its taxable value as Henrico has been.
However, a reasonable annexation was
granted and the rights of the people of
Staunton as well as those of the county
of Augusta were properly guarded.21 WANTED
TO-DAY.The 21 advertisements for help pub-
lished in to-day's Times-Dispatch on
page 8 are as follows:11 Trades. 1 Domestic.
9 Miscellaneous.This not only interests those out of
work, but those desiring to improve
their positions as well.NEW JEFFERSON
TO BE PALATIALMr. Lowenberg Describes In-
terior of the Proposed
Structure.

MUSIC OF THE HAMMER SOON

"Work will begin on the new Jefferson
Hotel within about thirty days," said
Mr. D. Lowenberg at the Jefferson last
night.Mr. Lowenberg came up from Norfolk
yesterday, bringing with him the plans
of the new hotel, as drawn by Peebles,
the architect, of that city. The plans
were examined by several of the directors
and appeared to be satisfactory to all
of them, so that they are now about
completed, and with few minor modifi-
cations, will be ready in a day or two
to be turned over to the contractors.
The specifications will be ready at about
the same time, and with these details
completed it will be only a matter of
a short while before the old ruins now
at Jefferson and Main Streets will be a
thing of the past, to be forgotten in the
beauty of a magnificent structure.The general outline of the old hotel
will be considerably changed. Jefferson
Street facade, so far as its practical
purposes were concerned in the old hotel,
will be removed, and a handsome en-
trance, with massive facade, a thing of
beauty, will grace the Main Street side
of the new building. The architectural
construction of the building from the
south side, will resemble only in a slight
way that of the old hotel.The entrance to the foyer will be from
the center of the Main Street front, and
will remind one of the famous entrances
to the big New York hotels. There will
be but one floor over this entrance, that
is, the main floor, which will be a
large, open, and comfortable dining room
and entertainment hall will be located.
Above that there will be vacant space,
thus insuring outside exposure to all the
rooms in the south wings, with every
chance at the delightful southern breeze.

Spacious Dining Rooms.

Immediately above the entrance the
dining rooms will be located. This part
of the building will extend half way
across the front of the house, and will
further extend about 100 feet on the
Jefferson Street side. Adjoining the din-
ing room to the east will be several
private dining rooms, which, in turn,

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CONRIED GOING TO
RUSSIA FOR VOICESWill Make Hurried Trip to
America to Receive Har-
vard Degree.(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and
New York Herald.)
LONDON, May 23.—Mr. Heinrich Con-
ried, president and director-general of
the Metropolitan Opera, who was a pas-
senger on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. in his
return from Russia, is expected to arrive
in London to-morrow. He will leave here
on Friday for Paris. In addition to the
two cities named, Mr. Conried will visit
Munich, Venice and Berlin. Next he is
going to Russia, a territory which has
not often been invaded in the search for
voices.The present trip of Mr. Conried will be
a hurried one, as he is going back to
America the latter part of June especial-
ly to receive the degree of master of
arts, which, as recently announced, has
been conferred on him by Harvard Uni-
versity. He will be in America only
thirty-six hours at the most. He ex-
pects to arrive in Cambridge June 28th
and sail next day.
Despite the fact that he got here at the
unusually hour of half-past 9 o'clock,
Mr. Conried found two theatrical agents
waiting for him at the station.WEAVER KICKS
OFFICERS OUTRefusing to Resign Cos-
tello and Smythe Are
Dismissed.DURHAM AND RING
TREMBLE WITH FEARGreat Battle Between City and
Political Machine Begins—The
Mayor Retains Former Sec-
retary Root and Former
Judge Gordon as
Counsel.(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 23.—Mayor
Weaver dismissed from service to-day
the Director of Public Works, Peter E.
Costello, and the Director of Public Safe-
ty, David J. Smyth. Both men had re-
fused to resign unconditionally. Fred-
erick H. Shoyer, Director of Supplies, sus-
pended his assistant, Arthur R. H. Mor-
row.This was the sensational climax of
Mayor Weaver's determined effort to
prevent the political machine's proposed
seventy-five-year lease of the gas works
to the United Gas Improvement Com-
pany. It was the severest blow sus-
tained by a political organization in this
city, and to-night, as to-day, Israel W.
Durham, the City Boss; James P. Mc-
Nichols, his political partner, and all
the others of the machine, are so fright-
ened that they have been unable to rally
their forces.In place of the dismissed directors,
Mayor Weaver announced these appoint-
ments as he departed from his office late
in the afternoon: Director of Public
Works, ad interim, Lincoln Akers; Direc-
tor of Public Safety, ad interim, Colonel
Sheldon Feltner.
As private counsel, the Mayor has re-
tained former Secretary of War Elihu
Root of New York, and former Judge
James Gay Gordon, of this city. He de-
clared that he purposed to fight the pre-
sented battle against the political bosses "to
the bitter end."The great five-story brick building of
Binswanger & Company (Incorporated),
at the southwest corner of Sixth and
Byrd Streets, together with its enormous
stock of sash, doors and blinds, window
glass, plate glass, paints and oils, was
partially destroyed by fire yesterday, the
roof and entire fourth and fifth floors
being burned.The fire began a few moments before
6 P. M. It gave the firemen a stubborn
and exciting battle until nearly 10 P. M.
before the fire was fully under control.
The flames were confined almost wholly
to the fourth and fifth floors, which,
with their contents, are a total loss.
Great damage was necessarily inflicted
also in the third floor, and considerable
loss was caused also in the second and
first floors, where the most valuable
portion of the stock was located.The building is a triangular, bounded
by the canal on the north and by Sixth
Street on the south and with its base
almost parallel to Sixth Street and ad-
joining the lumber plant of Miller &
Miller. The structure was built in 1902
at a cost of about \$40,000, and was very
substantially constructed, having walls
of more than usual thickness and heavy
beams and joists within. Mr. M. S.
Binswanger, the secretary of the cor-
poration, stated that they had the largest
stock on hand they had ever carried,
and approximately estimated the value
at about \$100,000. The plant employed
seventy-five or eighty men, who will be
temporarily unemployed, if at all.Mr. Binswanger stated that the plant will
be rebuilt at once, and all the present
equipment, re-employment of the men, and
the stock, he stated, were fairly well
covered by insurance, placed through the
agency of Julius Straus & Sons. The
fire originated from defective wiring or
from the electric motor, necessarily, there
being on fire in the building was a very
small bank from the plant was piped from
the Miller & Miller plant adjoining.

The Insurance.

Messrs. Julius Straus & Sons stated
last night that the entire insurance on
the stock aggregated \$67,000, and that on
the building \$18,000, and that it was di-
vided among eighteen or twenty com-
panies. Mr. Straus stated that he had not
yet received a statement of the insurance, and
that he had not then complied a detailed
statement of the insurance, and that he
would give out no detailed statement
until to-day. Some of the insurance on
the building and stock was carried by
other companies than his own. Further
details of the insurance will be given to-
morrow.The insurance will probably fully
cover the loss sustained, as the most
valuable portion of the stock is be-
lieved to be uninjured or certainly but
slightly damaged. The people witnessed the
fire, viewing it from every side. Up Sixth
Street to Canal and up Fifth Street from
the Canal almost to Cary Street the
spectators gathered in throngs, but the
great bulk of the fire was along the
canal bank from Sixth Street up to
Fourth, and massed on the terraces in
Gambles Hill Park. It was a weird
sight about 8 o'clock, when the crowd
was densest, and was shown against the
grassy background by the glare from the
fire, then at its height.

Dread "Three Sixes."

The first alarm was "piped" in from
the plant about 5:50, and in five minutes
later an alarm of fire was turned in from
box 418, bringing out steamers 3, 4 and
7, and later on, second alarm, steamers
2 and 5. Still later a general alarm was
sounded and steamer 6 responded and
steamer 8. The last only Nos. 1 and 3
left in the engine house as reserves in
the event of a fire elsewhere. Truck
companies 1 and 3, with their entire com-
plement of regular and call men were
early on the scene and were kept busy
from the start.Early arrivals on the scene found smoke
issuing from the windows of the fourth
story, near the center of the long tri-
angular structure. The engines quickly
took positions, five of them being sta-
tioned on the bank of the canal at the
corner of Sixth Street, while another was
in Seventh Street, south of Byrd and the
other at Sixth and Canal Streets.As soon as the hose could be laid and
the engine had steamed up, three fine
streams of water were playing on the
building from the Sixth Street side, and
another vainly sought to break through
the wired window glasses on the north
or canal side. For fifteen minutes or
more this stream was directed from the
south bank of the canal against the win-
dow of the fourth story, while another
stream, while a ladder had been hoisted
from the rear between Binswanger's and
Miller & Miller's building material man-
ufacture, but this too was ineffective, the
dense smoke preventing the firemen from
penetrating the floor so close to the
flame, and a great pile of sash, doors
and blinds obstructed the stream of
water and made it futile. The fire mean-
while was growing and raging fiercely
within about the center of the fourth
floor and soon smoke began issuing also
from the fifth floor windows.

Did Fine Work.

A fourth stream of water was played
into the building from the Sixth Street
side about 6:20, and a few minutes later
an extension with a good stream affixed
was hoisted to the fifth floor window of
the building, the apex of the very tri-
angle. For more than three hours this
ladder stream kept volumes of water di-
rectly into the building as far as it could
penetrate and did splendid service.While the volume of the smoke con-
stantly grew until it poured from every
window in the upper floors, it was notFIERCE BLAZE
AT BINSWANGER'SLarge Five-Story Glass
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Messrs. Julius Straus & Sons stated
last night that the entire insurance on
the stock aggregated \$67,000, and that on
the building \$18,000, and that it was di-
vided among eighteen or twenty com-
panies. Mr. Straus stated that he had not
yet received a statement of the insurance, and
that he had not then complied a detailed
statement of the insurance, and that he
would give out no detailed statement
until to-day. Some of the insurance on
the building and stock was carried by
other companies than his own. Further
details of the insurance will be given to-
morrow.

Dread "Three Sixes."

The first alarm was "piped" in from
the plant about 5:50, and in five minutes
later an alarm of fire was turned in from
box 418, bringing out steamers 3, 4 and
7, and later on, second alarm, steamers
2 and 5. Still later a general alarm was
sounded and steamer 6 responded and
steamer 8. The last only Nos. 1 and 3
left in the engine house as reserves in
the event of a fire elsewhere. Truck
companies 1 and 3, with their entire com-
plement of regular and call men were
early on the scene and were kept busy
from the start.Early arrivals on the scene found smoke
issuing from the windows of the fourth
story, near the center of the long tri-
angular structure. The engines quickly
took positions, five of them being sta-
tioned on the bank of the canal at the
corner of Sixth Street, while another was
in Seventh Street, south of Byrd and the
other at Sixth and Canal Streets.

As soon as the hose could be laid